Human Services Resource Assessment Project

Management Committee

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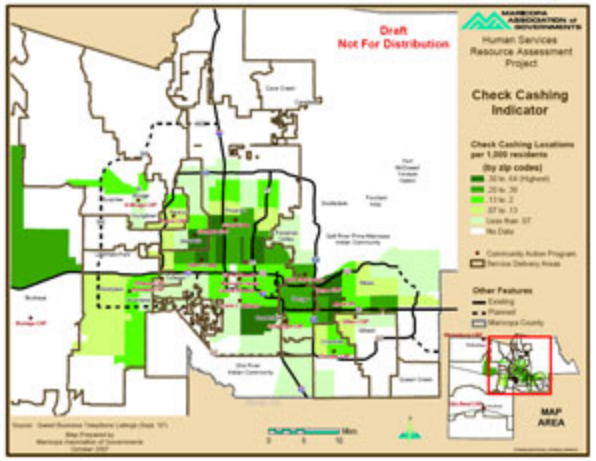
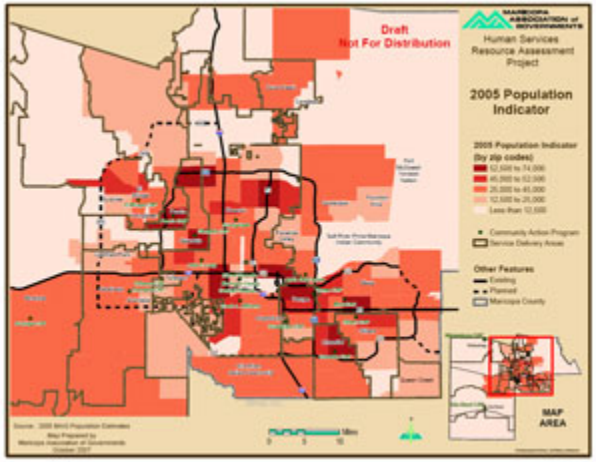
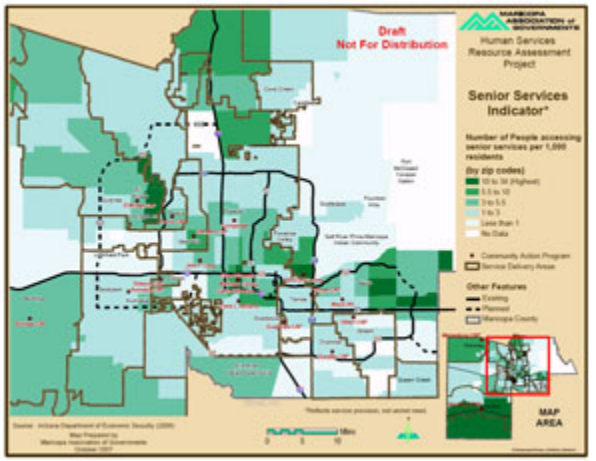
What is the Human Services Resource Assessment Project?

- **Provides a tool for policy and program development to address human services**







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What does the project consist of?

- **An index that measures the demand for human services through five indicators:**
  - Foreclosure rates
  - Population
  - Older adults accessing state services
  - Families receiving welfare
  - Check cashing stores
- **Maps reflect the location and intensity of the demand by zip code**

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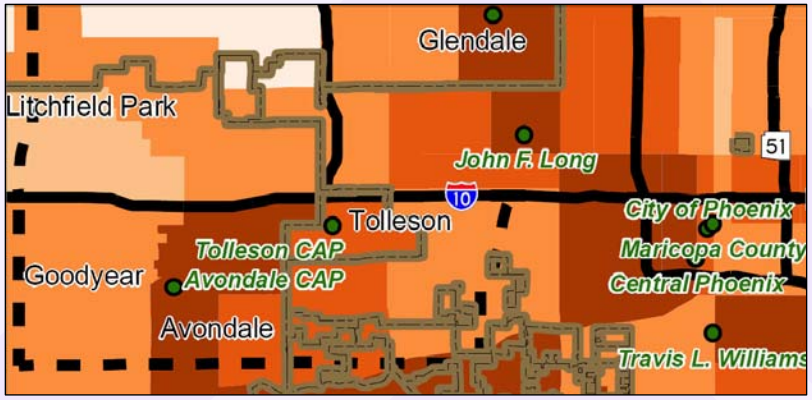
How are resources defined in this project?



- **Community Action Programs**
  - Offices and service delivery areas are mapped

- **Many other regional resources**
  - Nonprofit agencies
  - Faith-based organizations
  - Others

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How are human services defined in this project?

- More than just poverty
- Factors like rapid population growth and aging make human services universal
- Human services is the need for additional support experienced by many in our region

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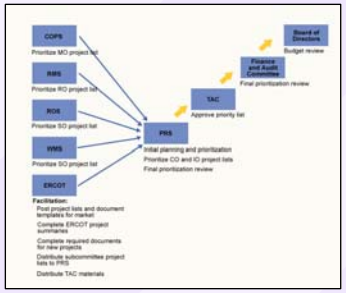
Why is it important to know the demand for HS?

- **Need a current, accurate measure in order to**
  - prioritize resources appropriately and efficiently
  - keep pace with dynamic and rapid population growth
  - make services and policy appropriate for changing needs



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Findings

- More demand is shown in the southwest valley and less in the northeast valley
- Demand in rural areas can be misinterpreted because one small geographic area showing demand will reflect demand for the rest of the large zip code

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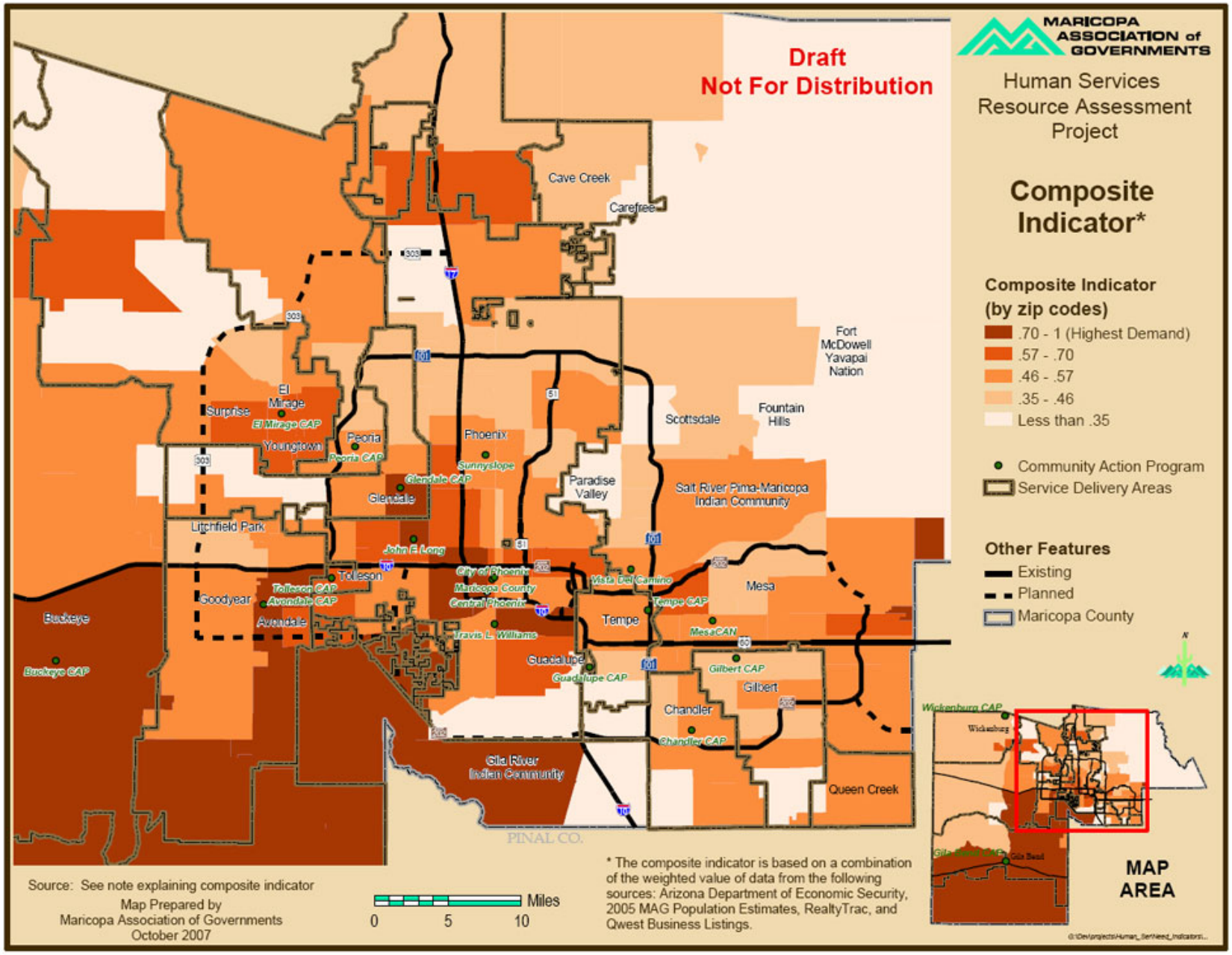

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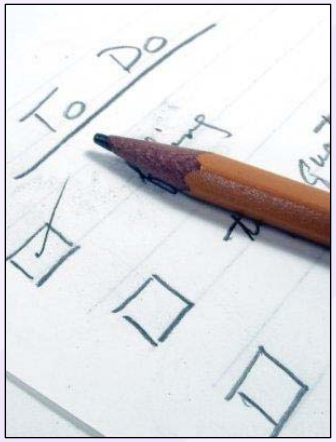
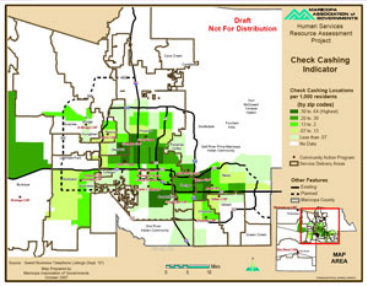


- Make project available for policy and program development
- Additional research needed to fine-tune details
- Update index and maps annually and compare trends



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